25.78 lakh families had been assisted. Of these, 7.98 lakh belong to Scheduled Castes and 2.977 lakhs to Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries. Of the total assisted 4.122 lakh were women beneficiaries.

In January, 1988, 3.24 lakh families were assisted under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Of these, 1.09 lakh belong to Scheduled Castes, 0.41 lakh to Scheduled Tribes and 0.70 lakh Women.

**Starvation deaths in Orissa**

2538. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: *

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 11th February, 1988 wherein it has been stated that 90 persons died of starvation during the last one month in Koraput District of Orissa;

(b) whether there have been any starvation deaths in any other States also; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to save the persons from starvation deaths in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No State Government has reported starvation deaths.

(c) For providing relief to the drought affected population, the following measures are undertaken:—

(i) Execution of relief works for employment generation,

(ii) provision of gratuitous relief to old and infirm persons,

(iii) distribution of foodgrains as part payment of wages on relief works,

(iv) provision of supplementary nutrition for young children and pregnant and lactating mothers, and

(v) strengthening of public distribution system for ensuring availability of foodgrains.

**Completion of Alumina Complex of NALCO**

2539. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Alumina Complex of the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) has completed its work at Angal and Damanjodi in Orissa;

(b) if so, when it is likely to go on production;

(c) if not, what is the exact time of completion of the said project; and

(d) what was the estimated cost of the project and the otal expenditure incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (c) :

*Damanjodi* : Bauxite mine at Damanjodi has been completed and is under production. Stream I of the Alumina Refinery is also under production. For Stream II of the Alumina Refinery bauxite was charged in December 1987 which is now under process.

*Angul*: Three units of 120 MW each of the Captive Power Plant have been commissioned and are in operation. Unit IV and Unit V of the Captive Power Plant are expected to be operational by May 1988 and November 1988 respectively. However, some delay is expected in Unit V.

In the Aluminium Smelter, 146 pots have already been energised by end-February 1988 and it is expected that 240 pots will be energised by May 1988. Energisation of the remaining 240 pots would be gradually achieved in consonance with the commissioning of Unit IV and Unit V of the Captive Power Plant.

(b) Till end-February, 1988, NALCO produced about 5.4 lakh tonnes of bauxite about 126.4 thousand tonnes of alumina, and about 20 thousand tonnes of aluminum metal.

(d) The approved cost estimates of NALCO are Rs. 2408.14 crores. Against this, the cumulative expenditure till February, 1988 is Rs. 2335.67 crores.

**Non-payment of lease amount by the Hotel Meridien**

2540. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the yearly amount of lease for land for Hotel Meridien New Delhi and since when the land has been given on lease; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hotel Meridien is not paying lease amount since 1980; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The NDMC have reported that they have entered into a licence agreement with M/s. C. J. International Hotels Ltd. for construction of a hotel at Windsor Place on 16th April, 1981. The annual licence fee payable to the NDMC by the hotel is Rs. 2.68 crores or 21 per cent of the annual gross turnover of the hotel business, whichever is more.

(b) The NDMC have reported that the hotel deposited Rs. 2.68 crores as advance licence fee for the first year. Thereafter in order to facilitate the completion and commissioning of the hotel and taking into account the availability of cash liquidity with the hotel they have granted moratorium to the Hotel from payment of licence fee upto September 1988.

**Goods being marketed through Fair Price Shops**

2541. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of commodities and other articles of daily need being marketed through fair price shops, Statewise;

(b) whether Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are ahead of other states; and

(c) whether any improvements are proposed in Fair Price Shop system etc., by giving role of wholesalers to such bodies as state Super Bazars which can help widen the scope of Fair Price Shops on the pattern of Mother Dairy Booths?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of Public Distribution System, the Central Government has undertaken the responsibility to supply seven essential commodities, namely, wheat rice leavy sugar; imported edible oils, kerosene oil, controlled cloth and soft coke to States/UTs for distribution to the consumers. The States/UTs are, however, free to add any other commodity which they consider essential and for which they have to make necessary arrangements for its procurement and distribution.

A list indicating the details of essential commodities being distributed through fair price shops in various States/UTs including Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal is given in the enclosed Statement **(*See* below).**

(c) With a view to improve the functioning of fair price shops, States/UTs have been advised from time to time to increase their commodity coverage, make arrangements for delivery of PDS items at the doorstep of fair price shops, set up vigilance/advisory committees to oversee the functioning of fair price shops, intensify enforcement measures, plan allocation and distribution of Public Distribution System items in advance so that these commodities reach retail outlets well in time, arrange institutional credit facilities for fair price shops etc.